RACING STROLLERS INC.

THE YAKIMA JOGGER

Assembly Instructions
Owner's Manual

"Possibly the easiest thing you'll ever assemble"

Thank you for buying your new Yakima Jogger from Racing Strollers, Inc. The Yakima Jogger is a great product that we are proud to have designed and manufactured. Thousands of families world-wide are enjoying the go anywhere convenience of our products; and we hope you will, too.

We designed the Yakima Jogger to assemble quickly and easily so you can enjoy it immediately. You don't need a mechanics tools, a he-man's strength, or an engineer's degree to put it together. Just a little patience, and perhaps an effervescent child to spur you on!

The first time through, assembly shouldn't take more than about 15 minutes. Once you get use to it, assembly and disassembly should take less than 5 minutes. Good luck and thanks again.

HEY YOU!
The One Who Never Reads the Instructions!

- **Never Leave Child Unattended!**
- **Always Use Safety Belt!**
- **Watch Out for Cars!**
- **Always Use the Safety Wrist Strap!**
- **Make Sure Quick Release Pins are Pushed in ALL the Way!**
- **Don't Use With Skates!**
- **Don't Park Next to a Cliff and Expect Your Parking Brake to Hold!**
- **Always Tie Stroller Securely if on a Roof Rack or in Back of a Truck!**

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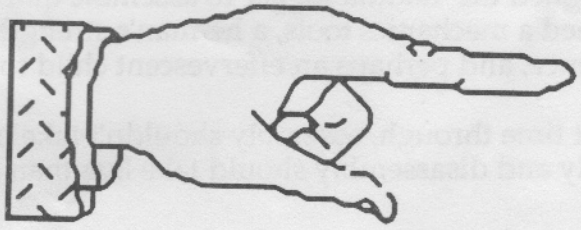

TRAVEL TIPS

SEAT BELT

Always use the seat belt, and never leave your child unattended in the stroller. Make sure the seat belt is secured snuggly around your child.

ALL-TERRAIN

Dirt roads, sandy beaches, curbs—nothing will stop your stroller. Its balanced three-wheel design rolls smoothly just about anywhere you can get on foot. The stroller is extremely comfortable for your baby and will give you hours of fun together. Curbs are no sweat. Just push down on the handlebar to raise the front wheel. Set it on the sidewalk, and lift the rear wheels up.

STEERING

Steering is simple. It's balanced to turn with just a light touch on the handlebar. For tighter turns, push down the handlebar and raise the front wheel to steer.

SAFETY FIRST

Always use the seat belt, and never leave your child unattended in the stroller. Also, do not strap parcels or bags to the stroller, it affects the balance and stability. Since you'll be travelling faster than you would with an ordinary stroller, be sure to use extra caution. Watch out for cars—a stroller and baby are no match for a car! Especially be careful if you are on the street or in a crosswalk. Remember, there are weird drivers who speed through crosswalks! Always use the wrist strap provided to tether yourself to the handlebar in case you should trip unexpectedly.

AFTER DARK

We don't recommend using your stroller at night, but if you must; please have a local bike shop install a light and reflectors. And be sure to be extra careful.

TRUCKS & ROOF RACKS

If you have a truck and plan to occasionally put your stroller in the back, be sure to tie it down. We've repaired quite a few strollers that went sailing away on a freeway! If you have limited trunk space, you might consider getting a bike rack for convenient transporting of your stroller.

PARKING BRAKE

Your brake has a lock button that enables you to park your stroller. It's handy while putting your baby in the seat. It's a good brake, but use it with caution—don't park next to a cliff and expect it to hold

INLINE SKATES

We really try to discourage people from using inline skates with their strollers. It's so tempting to go for those handlebars when you start to wobble or fall. The stroller just won't hold you, and even worse it could tip over with you and baby. Please stick with jogging, walking, hiking, and all those other sure-footed activities.

DON'T LEAVE YOUR KID ALONE!

Never leave your baby unattended, especially if there are other children around. They may tip the stroller over backwards, or even take off with it while you're not watching.

STROLLER CARE

Storing your stroller indoors when not in use will prolong its good looks. Sunshine can fade the seat fabric and dry out tires, so park it in the garage or keep it covered with a tarp if stored outside. The seat is durable and can be washed in cool water. Just snap it back on the stroller to dry. Do not put the fabric in the dryer. The frame is aluminum. Gentle cleaning and an occasional spray of household wax will keep it looking great. If you run on the beach or get the stroller wet, some tarnish may appear on the wheel spokes or rims. Buff them up with steel wool and spray with Pledge or other spray wax to inhibit corrosion. If you log a lot of miles, a yearly visit to your bike shop for brake adjustment or wheel alignment may be in order.

PLEASE CALL US!

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to give our Customer Service Department a jingle. We LOVE to hear from our customers!

ACCESSORIES FOR YOUR STROLLER

Sun Canopy, Rain Canopy, Basket, Water Bottles. These are available at your local dealer or by mail order from us!

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A Word About Safety

A question that comes up from our customers is, "My child likes to reach over and touch the wheel. Can they hurt themselves by getting their fingers in the spokes?"

As with everything, there is always a slight chance. The question first came up in 1983, before we ever sold a stroller. Being a normal worrywart type mother, I was quite concerned about the safety of my own child and any other children that would be in the stroller. So my husband and I conducted a series of experiments, to make sure the stroller was safe to sell. We started out slowly, trying to get our own fingers in the spokes from various angles at increasing speeds. Finally, we got brave and tried this while running as fast as possible down Yakima's biggest hill. We concluded that at slow speeds, fingers on the spokes feel nice, like rippling your fingers along a picket fence. At higher speeds, the spokes deflect the fingers, and there is no chance of getting them caught.

In a similar situation, there have been a few injuries to children riding in seats behind a parent on a bike. If their foot should catch in the spokes, there is a fender to run into. That's why we don't have fenders on our wheels.

However, in the interest of safety, our recommendation is that you not allow your child to touch the wheels. Putting their hands on the wheels seems to have a special attraction for children between one and three years old. They like the feel of the tire and all that nice road grit on it. But you don't want them getting who-knows-what on their fingers, and almost surely putting those fingers in their mouths...so we come to the dreaded, the almost unmentionable...

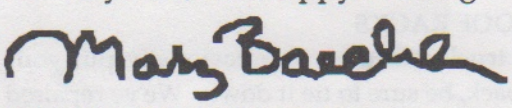
Teaching them "NO"

Our recommendation is that in the exercise of reasonable caution, you should teach your child that they are not allowed to lean over and play with the wheels while you are moving. In my experience, and in the experience of other parents that I've talked to, it takes a week or two to teach them this. For you first-time parents, all I can say is if it's not over this issue, in a month or two you're going to have to teach them that you really mean "NO" about the lamp cord, the stove top, or the litter box.

What's worked out for us is to say "NO" in our firmest voice, and perhaps give the stroller a little shake of the handle. However, some children start to think this is really funny. An alternate method is to slow down lean over and "snap" them on the hand with your finger. A third method is the loud "NO" and stopping the stroller. They really enjoy the forward motion and soon learn to cooperate. I know this sounds a little onerous, but last year I taught my two 2-year-olds while pushing them in our Twinner. If I can do it you can do it! Whatever you do, don't allow them to hang onto the wheel for a long period - there is a remote possibility of slight finger burns. (i.e. don't allow your child to act as a brake).

It's been suggested that we have an option of plastic wheel guards on the wheels, but my feeling is that if the stroller is safe, then that's a waste of the customer's money; and if they aren't safe, then every stroller should have them. Every year we go out and retest just to reassure ourselves, and it is my firm belief that we are out to build the safest stroller ever. (As an aside, we passed the A.S.T.M. safety test for strollers with flying colors. This is a voluntary, very expensive test and the highest certification for strollers in this country). Any time you get a bunch of mothers running a company they get very picky about safety!

Our very best, and happy running!

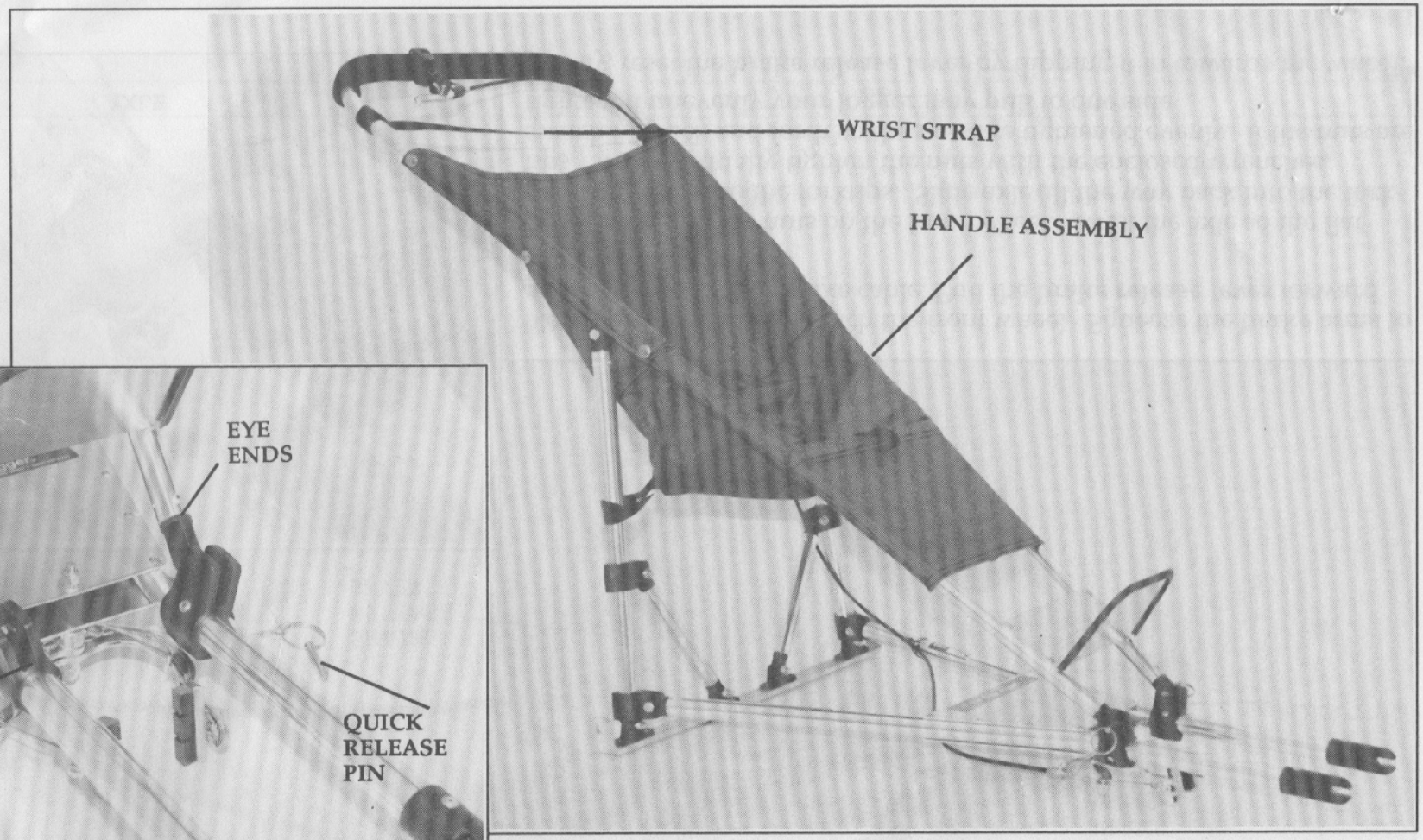


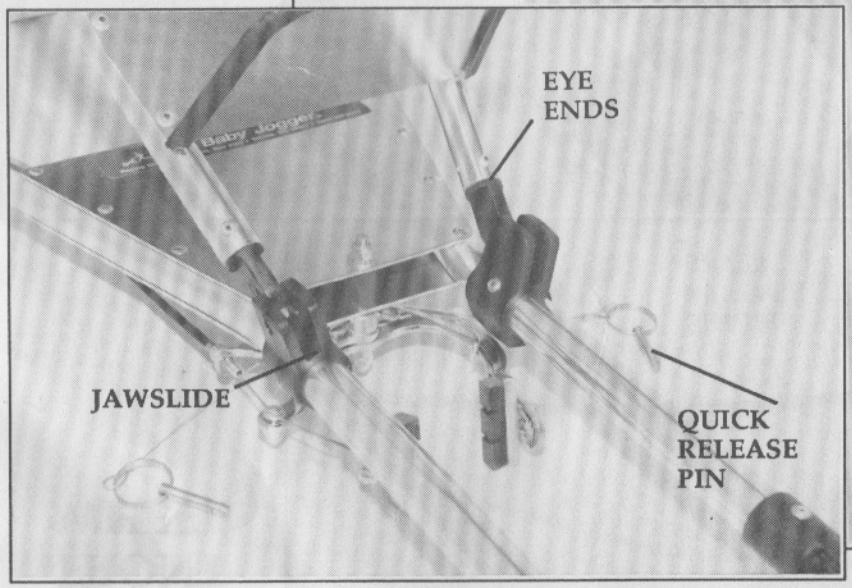
Mary Baechler, President

REMEMBER

- DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO TOUCH OR GRAB THE WHEELS.
- ALWAYS MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD'S HANDS ARE CLEAR OF THE WHEELS AND SPOKES WHEN YOU TAKE OFF.

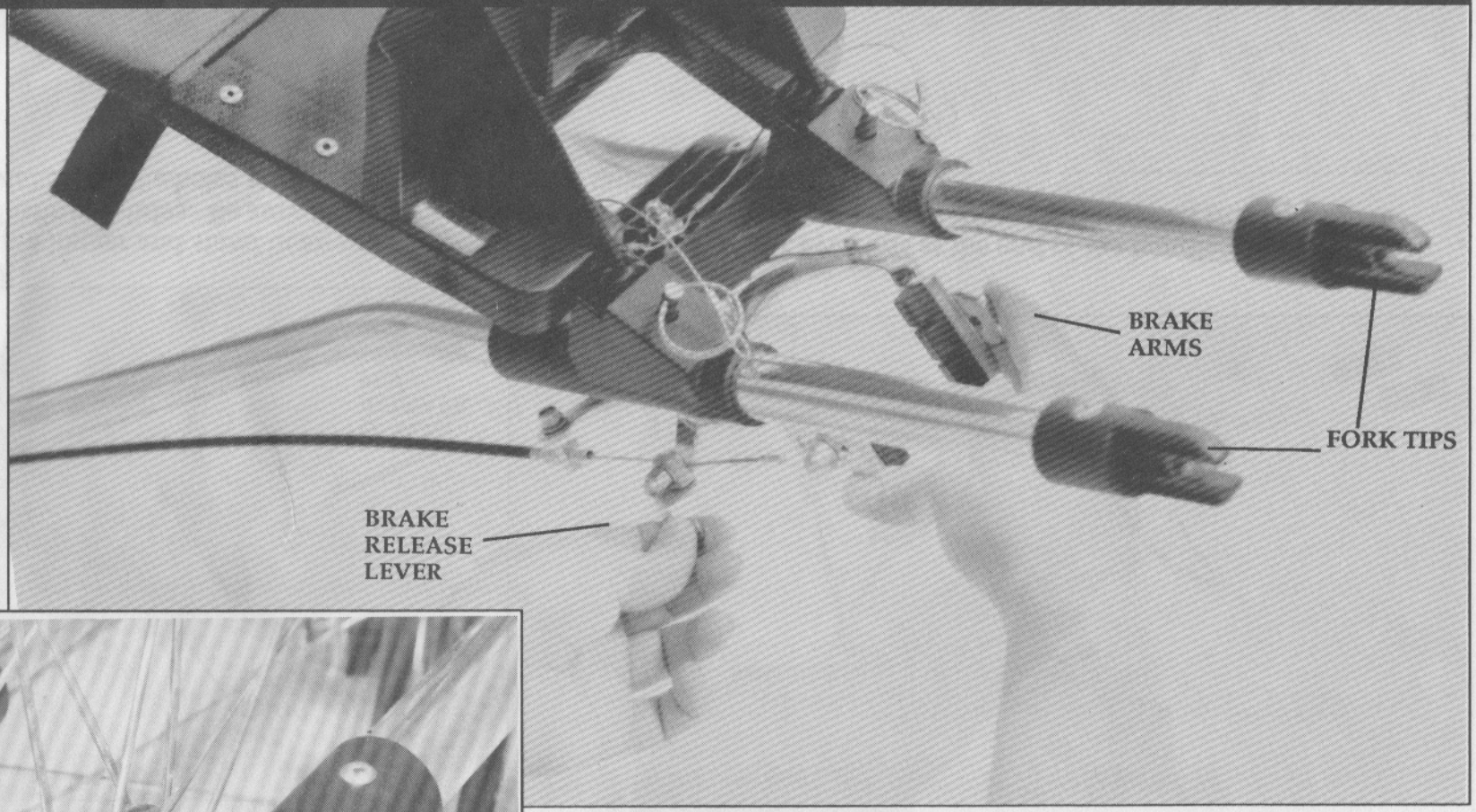
1 FRAME

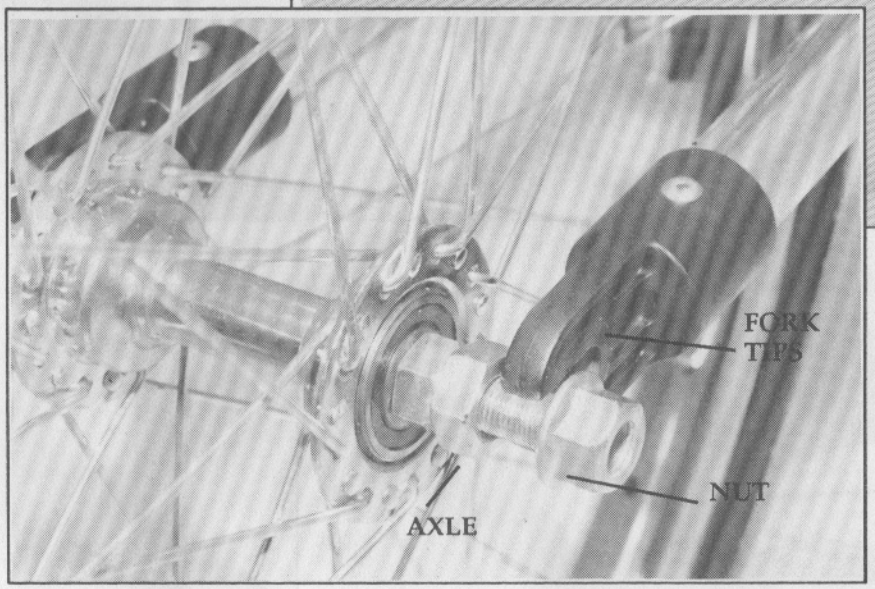




Unfold the Yakima Jogger and stand in an upright position. Slide black plastic eye ends at the end of the handle assembly into the black plastic jawslides. **Be sure to slide in from the rear**. The eye ends will not fit properly if inserted from the top of the jawslides. Make sure the holes are aligned, then insert the quick release pins.

2 FRONT WHEEL



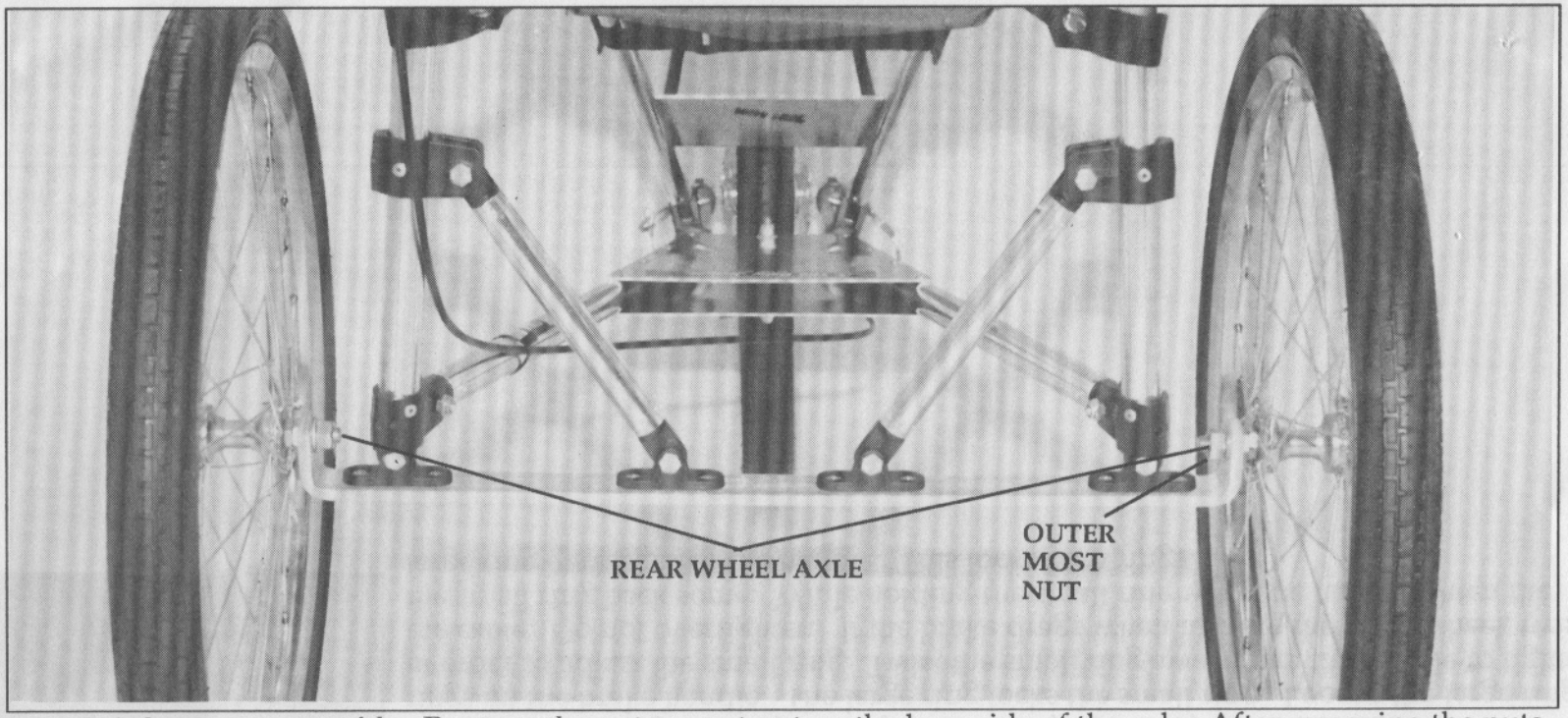


Now you are ready to attach the front wheel. Squeeze the **brake arms** to relieve tension off of brake cable. Pull the **brake release lever** forward and flip it outward.

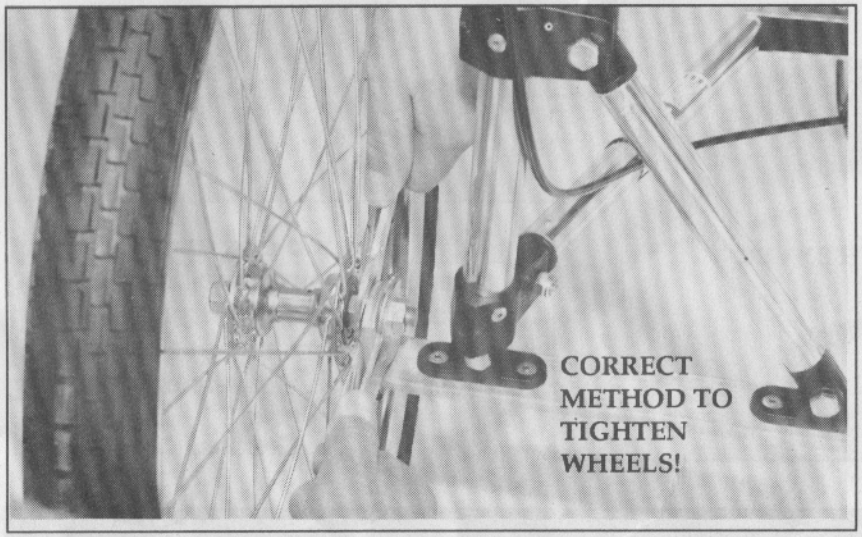
Loosen the outside nuts on the front wheel. Twist the axle so the flat part can slide into the forktips. Slide axle all the way back into the forktips. Now gradually tighten the nuts with the enclosed wrenches, switching back and forth so the nuts are tightened evenly. If the nuts are tightened unevenly your Jogger may pull to one side

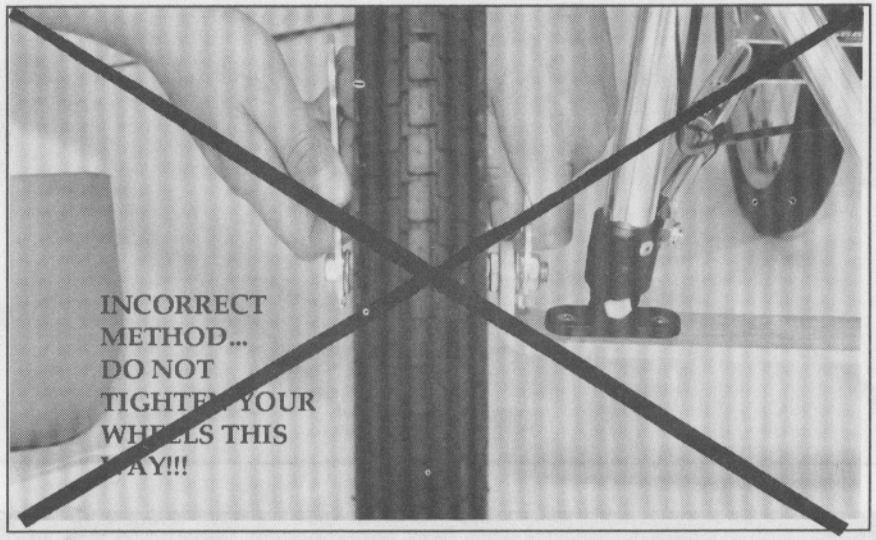
Finally, reset the **brake release lever** by flipping it in towards the wheel.

3 REAR WHEELS



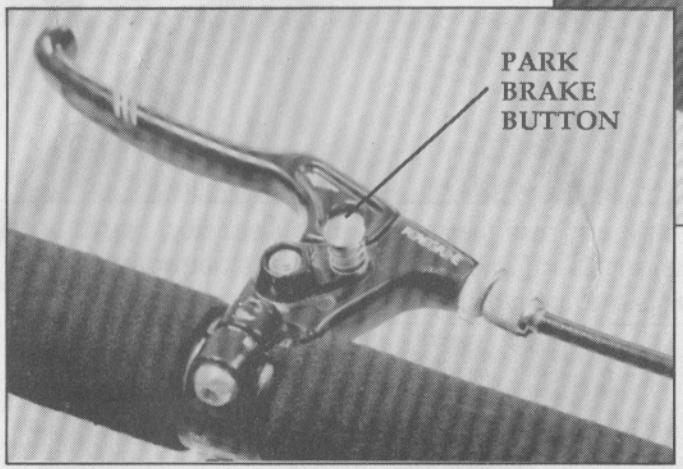
The axle on the rear wheels is longer on one side. Remove the outer most nut on the long side of the axle. After removing the nuts, attach the wheels to the rear of your Jogger. Using two wrenches tighten the nuts. WARNING: Do not use wrenches on the far outside nuts. You may ruin the wheel and the wheel bearings. See Photos for correct and incorrect method to tighten wheels.

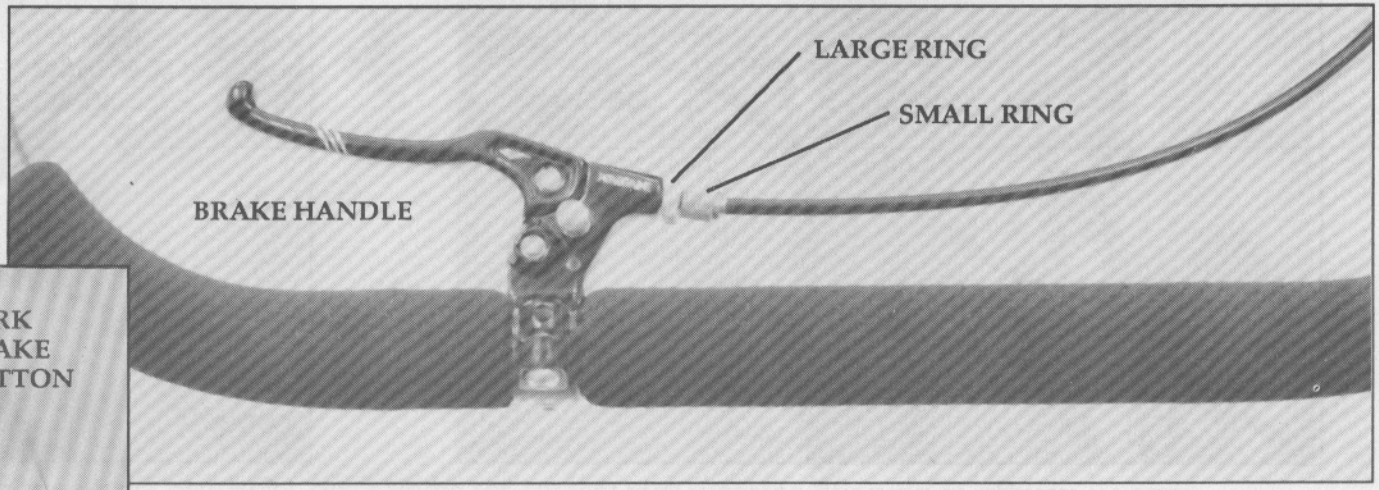




BRAKE TIPS

The brake includes a parking feature. Just squeeze the handle and push in the **park brake button**. To release the brake, just squeeze the handle and the button will pop out.





Your Yakima Jogger comes with the brakes already adjusted. However, if you do not have good braking action, you may need to adjust them yourself. There are two silver rings on the brake handle. The large ring locks the small ring. Loosen the large ring in order to adjust the small ring. Twist the small ring away from the handle to tighten the cable. Do not overtighten. If the brake drags when turning the front wheel, twist the small ring back some. While holding the small ring with one hand, tighten the large ring back against the handle. This locks both rings.

IT FOLDS!

Lay your stroller on its back with the front wheel in the air. Pull the two quick release pins. Hold the front wheel with one hand and push down on the footplate **(See arrow, Figure 1)**. The handle folds through the bottom frame triangle **(Figure 2)**. Now flip the front wheel back **(Figure 3)**. You can fasten the seat belt around the bottom of the frame to hold it in place!

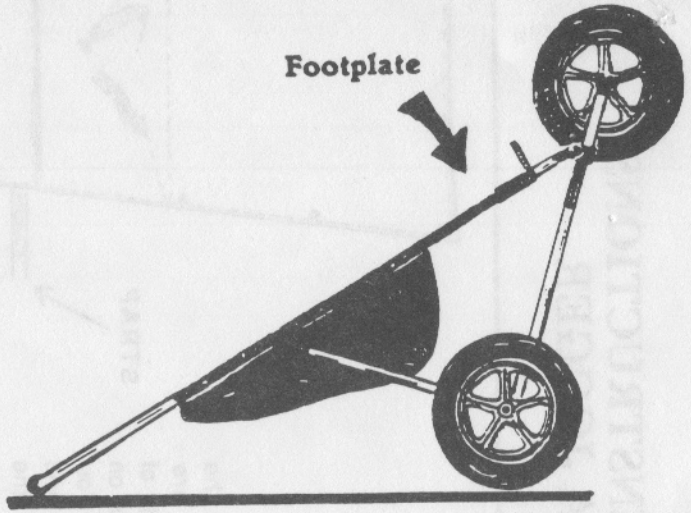


FIGURE 1

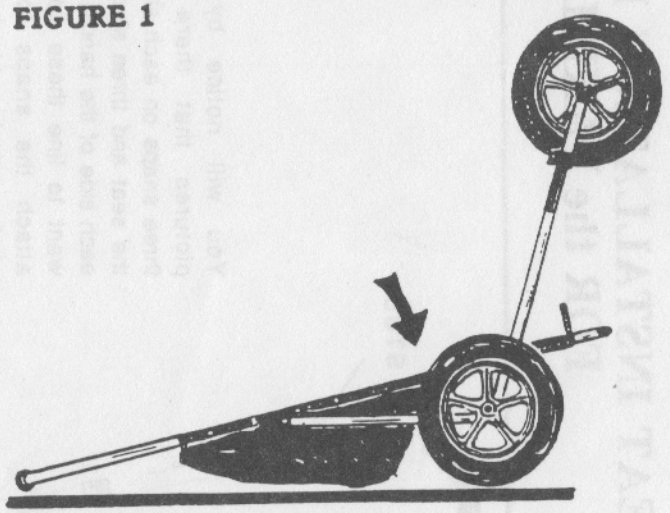


FIGURE 2

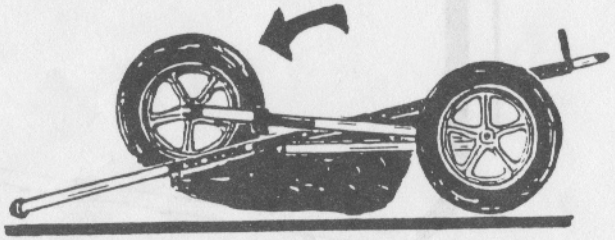
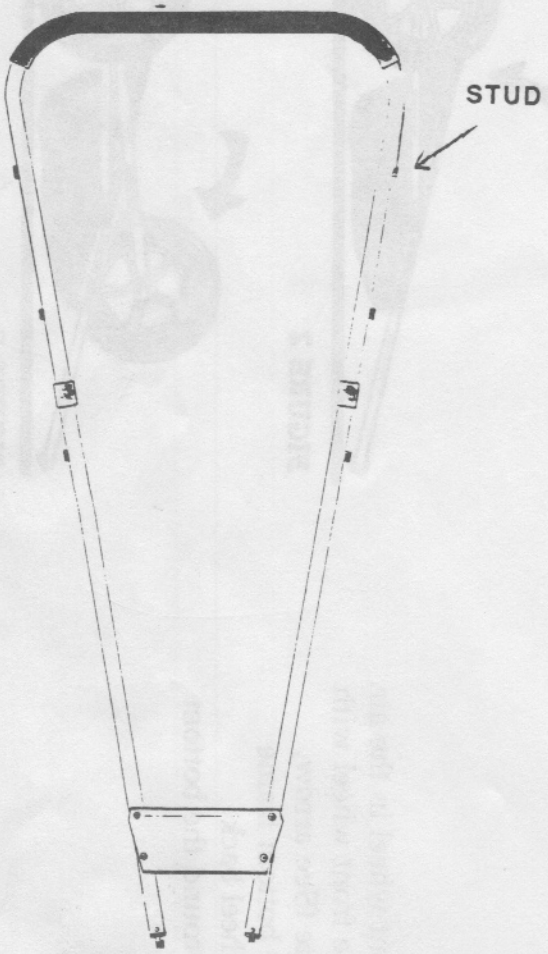


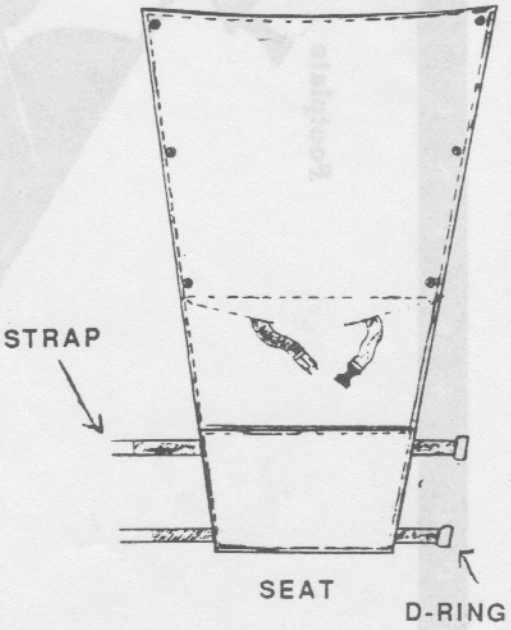
FIGURE 3

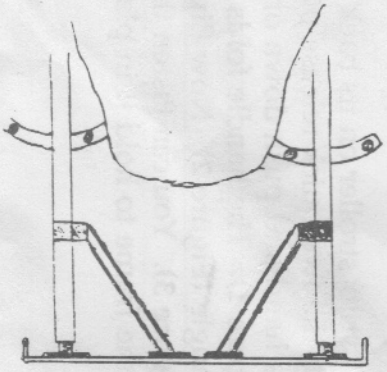
SEAT INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR the YAKIMA JOGGER



HANDLE ASSEMBLY

You will notice by the pictures that there are three snaps on each side of the seat and three studs on each side of the handle. You want to line these up and attach the snaps to the studs, starting at the top and working your way down until all the snaps are fastened. Now you will come to two straps on the left side of the seat that have velcro on them and two straps on the right that have "D-Rings". Loop the straps thru the "D-Rings" and pull snug. (Do not overtighten)





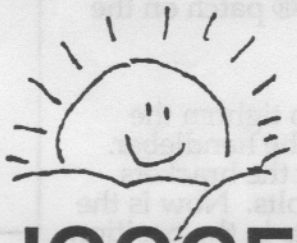
BACK VIEW

After the seat is on the frame, you want to go behind the stroller and look for the two straps that have snaps on them. Pull each strap around the vertical tube (like the picture shows) and snap. If you have any questions, please call our Customer Service line at 800-241-1848. Thank You.

BABY JOGGER II
SUPER JOGGER
YAKIMA JOGGER

SUN CANOPY INSTRUCTIONS

This canopy will only fit the models listed above.



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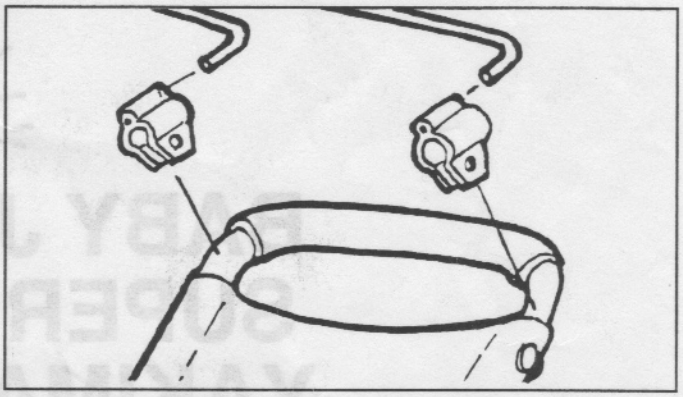
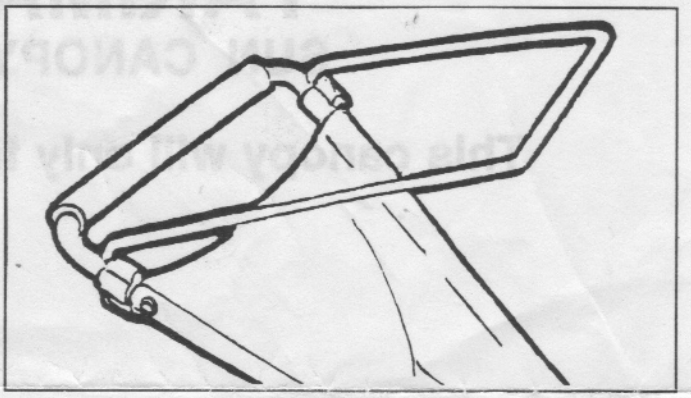
SINGLE CANOPY INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for purchasing a canopy for your Jogger! The canopy is a great accessory and will provide your child with protection from the hot sun. Just follow the six easy steps listed below and you shouldn't have any trouble attaching the two wrenches on hand to tighten the nuts and bolts. The adjustable kind works fine; but if you have the whole Craftsman set, use two of the 7/16" size.

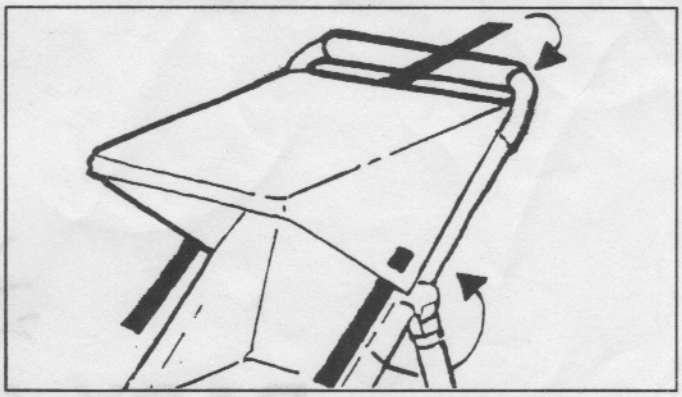


1. Slide the black plastic mounting brackets onto the ends of the wire frame. Next, snap the brackets onto the handlebar just above the top of the seat. The brackets should point forward and perhaps a little to the outside. Leave the brackets loose for now.



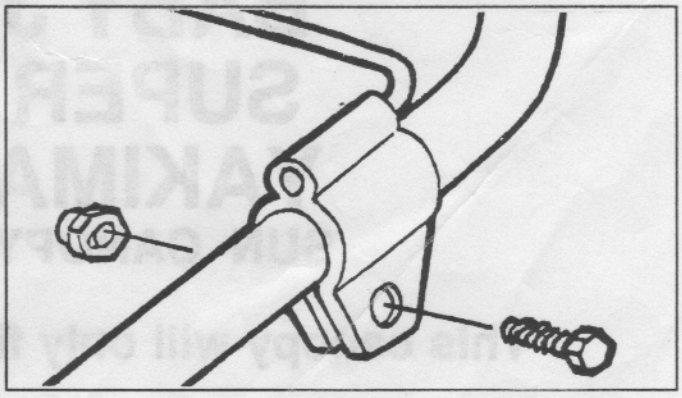
2. When the wire frame is installed, it will point slightly upward to provide springiness. The fabric will tug it down into the correct position.

3. Slip the fabric over the wire frame. Make sure the seams (the little flaps where the fabric is sewn together) are over the outside of the frame. Now, pull the top back towards the handle and loop the center Velcro® strap over the bar. The strap should be snug when stuck to itself.



4. Pull the black plastic mounting brackets up to the curve of the handlbar right below the grip.

5. Now, pull the straps located on the bottom of the canopy's side panels down and around the vertical tubes. The straps stick to the Velcro® patch on the corner of the side panel.



6. With everything snug, it's time to tighten the black plastic mounting brackets to the handlebar. Insert the bolts through the holes in the brackets. Put the lock nuts loosely onto the bolts. Now is the time to make any minor adjustments in the position of the brackets. Finally, use two wrenches (7/16" or adjustable) to tighten the nuts and bolts.

The canopy is easily removed by undoing the Velcro® straps and pulling the metal frame from the black plastic mounting brackets.

Just one final note of caution: the Jogger Canopy is designed to keep the sun off your babies; it is not a storage platform. A bag of groceries, a package from the store, or even another child (some kids will do anything) will fall through the canopy and bonk your baby on the head. Having any kind of weight up that high on the stroller also messes up the overall balance of the stroller. It becomes real tippy. Anyway, enough said. Have fun and, as always, be careful.

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